

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Toshiaki OKUNO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2297
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Application No.: 09/781,564	:	Group Art Unit: 2613
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Filed: February 13, 2001	:	Examiner: Dzung D. Tran
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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND METHOD	:	


**STATUS INQUIRY – Appeal Number 2010-003648**

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An Appeal Brief was filed in the referenced application on June 16, 2009. Since more than thirty-four months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said Appeal Brief has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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